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Amendments to the Claims

1. (Withdrawn) A clip and irrigation hose assembly for suspension from a wire, comprising:
 - a) a length of irrigation hose; and
 - b) a plurality of clips installed at a factory on the hose; and
 - c) the clips having a hook member, wherein the hook is connected to the wire, thereby suspending the clip and irrigation hose assembly.
2. (Withdrawn) The clip and irrigation hose assembly of claim 1, wherein the clips further comprise:
 - a) a body having a generally ring shape having an opening, the opening allowing the body to be opened to allow insertion on the hose; and
 - b) the hook member operatively connected to the body.
3. (Withdrawn) The clip and irrigation hose of claim 2, the clip having a right half and a left half, the clip being symmetrical for easier automatic assembly.
4. (Withdrawn) The clip and irrigation hose of claim 3, further comprising a semicircular flange operatively connected to the body, wherein the flange provides an extra wide surface on which the hose rests.
5. (Withdrawn) The clip and irrigation assembly of claim 4, further comprising a first locating tab operatively connected to the right half and a second locating tab operatively connected to the left half, thereby allowing for easier automatic assembly.
6. (Withdrawn) A clip and irrigation hose assembly for suspension from a wire, comprising:
 - a) a length of irrigation hose;
 - b) a plurality of clips installed at a factory on the hose;

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- c) a body having a generally ring shape having an opening, the opening allowing the body to be opened to allow insertion on the hose;
- d) a hook member operatively connected to the body, the hook member for suspending the clip and hose assembly;
- e) the clip having a right half and a left half, the clip being symmetrical for easier automatic assembly;
- f) a semi-circular flange operatively connected to the body, wherein the flange provides an extra wide surface on which the hose rests; and
- g) a first locating tab operatively connected to the right half and a second locating tab operatively connected to the left half, thereby allowing for easier automatic assembly.

7. (Currently Amended) A method of making a clip and irrigation hose assembly comprising:

- a) securing a plurality of clips having a body with an opening at spaced intervals on an irrigation hose having an outer surface at a factory by enlarging the opening to allow the clip to be inserted on the hose and then releasing the clip to secure the clip to the hose the clip having an inner diameter sized and configured to be secured around the hose and also be moveable on the hose, wherein the clip is in contact with the outer surface of the hose; and
- b) coiling the clips and hose, whereby the assembly of clips and hose are able to be shipped to a site for subsequent installation by suspending the clips from a wire.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7, further comprising securing the clips to the hose by an automatic process.

9. (Canceled) The method of claim 7, wherein after assembly, the clips are moveable on the hose.